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1. Over the years considerable neurological research has taken place in Hungary.

two of Hungary's better neurologists. They are as
follows:

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a. Professor (fnu) Sartha

This professor is now 1954 located at the University of Debrecen where
he serves as head of the Department of Neurology.

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b. Professor Laslo Meduna

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2. The disease poliomyelitis is most uncommon in Hungary as well as in other parts of central Europe. Consequently, very little polio research takes place in Hungary.

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the polio virus was very mild and perhaps no more virile than the flu virus with which we are confronted in the US. Consequently, the youth of the country develop an early immunity to this affliction. Many Hungarian physicians have neither seen nor treated a single case of polio. No more than 20 clinically diagnosed cases of polio occur throughout Hungary during an average year. In 1936-37 Hungary suffered from what was considered a polio epidemic. clinically diagnosed 100 cases. Strangely, only adults had contracted polio. Of this group of 100, five died.

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3. Another disease which is exceptionally rare in Hungary is hepatitis.

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